[Mr. T. Krishna Pillai.]

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 521 and 522.

The following motions were not made :

MR. A. THANU PILLAI :

521. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,992 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. T. P. VELAUYHAN PILLAI ;

522. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,900 for District Registrars by Re 1

The question that a sum of Rs. 3,17,960 minus Rs. 2,400 be granted under Demand XII—Registration was put and carried.

DEMAND XIII GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,76,867 under Demand XIII—General Administration (Excluding Financial Secretariat, Account Office and Legislative Bodies).

Motions Nos. 523 and 524.

The following motions were not made :

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :

523. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,413 for the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly by Re. 1

524 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,600 for Publicity Office by Re. 1.

Motion No. 525.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) Sir, I move :—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 58,144 for salaries by Re 1."

My object is to urge the necessity of making a substantial cut in the salaries of the officers in the State.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : On a point of order. The motion is to cut the salaries under Secretariat. The object stated in the motion is to discuss the cut in the salaries of the officers in the whole State. That question can come only under the total grant.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I endorse the views of Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai. The demand for a cut in the salaries of officers arise under various heads and the proper place for discussing this topic is when each Demand is made, by moving a token cut. Now we have passed 12 Demands and the salaries of officers concerned have also been passed by the House. Now if this motion were to be discussed, it will question what has already been voted by the House. On this ground I think the motion is not in order.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) I do not want to discuss the policy concerning this particular department but the general policy. Moreover this is a token cut. Therefore I think I am in order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I think the motion is out of order.

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Motion No. 526

The following motion was not moved:

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE:

526. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,782 for establishment at the Dewan's quarters by Re 1.

Motion No. 527

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Sir, I move:—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,46,717 for Establishment by Re. 1"

It is with a view to suggest that the Taluk-war representation should be adopted in preference to communal representation, as one of the guiding principles in the matter of Government appointments.—

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): On a point of order. How can Taluk-war representation arise in the matter of Secretariat Establishment?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The motion is not in order, because this is admittedly the allotment for establishment and for the establishment to suggest that there should be a Taluk-war representation is beyond their power.

Motion No. 528.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I rise to move:—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,45,831 for General and Revenue Secretariat by Re 1".

The object of this motion is to point out the defect in the General Administration—Secretariat.

Sir, the administration of the State must be carried out in the interests of the people. The interest of the people could be gauged by the decisions of the representative bodies, that is, this House and the Upper House. If we examine whether the Government have been giving due consideration to the decisions of the House on important public matters, we find that they are utterly lacking in pursuing a desirable policy. This House last year passed a cut motion urging the necessity of granting 50 per cent. of the land tax by a majority of 55 to 11. And as a result of that all that the Government did was to grant a remission of 12½ per cent. taxes on dry lands alone.

This House has passed a token motion demanding the reduction of school fees on the ground that, owing to the economic depression prevailing in the country, the guardians are unable to pay fees.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does this allotment of Rs. 2,45,851 include the Dewan's salary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): That being the non-votable portion is excluded and the votable portion is the amount mentioned in the motion.

Though that token motion urged that 50 per cent. of the school fees may be reduced on the ground of economic depression, the Government showed a gesture and reduced Rs. 6 per annum from the fees due from each of the puplils of English Schools and that only for a period of a few months. After that, the Government have restored the old rates.

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

This House has passed a resolution that the pay of the higher officers of the State is exorbitantly high and that it must be reasonably reduced. That demand has not been accepted.

It was also urged that with regard to the pay of officers in the lower grade, more consideration should be shown and that they must be given at least as much as is necessary to enable them to have a decent living. That also has been set at naught.

It has been urged here very often that the Government must spend a larger amount for nation building departments, that the works on Irrigation demand greater attention and that much larger amount must be spent on the same. Though the Government appointed a Minor Irrigation Committee consisting of a large number of officials and presided over by the Chief Engineer, their recommendations have not been given due weight. When Irrigation works are sought to be carried out, the Government try to apply the provisions of the Irrigation Regulation and levy cess on the amounts spent though such amounts be something like Rs. 200 or Rs. 300. But this economy on the part of the Government is not seen when we come to the expenditure of tens of lakhs of rupees on works which could very well wait until better times. When we say that the pay of the officers must be reduced and the number of offices must be reduced, we find an increase in the number of offices and the granting of personal pay to large number of high officials. When we say that offices must be filled up as far as possible by Travancoreans who are eligible for the same, the Government import outsiders into the State on a much higher pay. These are the general ways in which Government deal with the representative institutions in the State.

Coming to the Legislative side, Sir, I only want to point out one illustration to show that the Government are not caring even to carry out their professed policy with regard to legislation. A bill to give relief to the indebted agriculturist was introduced in this House and a Select Committee was appointed. When the Select Committee was appointed it was announced, that a special meeting will be called together for considering the bill. A special meeting of the Assembly was called together. The second reading was expedited and the second reading is over. After the second reading was over, an announcement was made by the Chief Secretary that the Government will try to bring the bill for the third reading between the 7th and the 12th of this month. I do not say that he gave an assurance to the House because he definitely stated that there is no assurance. At the same time, when the Government makes a statement, we give it due weight. Though all this expedition was shown with regard to the progress of the bill, we are not told as to why this bill was not introduced again as stated in the Assembly by the Chief Secretary at its last sitting. Sir, there might be difference of opinion with regard to the provisions of the bill. If the Government find that a particular provision is detrimental to public interest, there are definite procedures prescribed under the law. The State Council is

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constituted with the purpose of revising the decisions of this House. If that House is also going to endorse the views of this House, the residuary powers are vested in the Head of the Administration to do what is needful. I do not say that the amendments passed by the Assembly are either acceptable or not acceptable. Though certain amendments have been passed, I think that the bill, as passed by this Assembly, is entitled to very great weight. When there are regular means for the Government to act, it is not at all proper for them to shelve or arrest the progress of the bill at this stage much against their announcement in the House.

Sir, all these things clearly show that there is a fundamental defect in the administration of the country. I do not say that I have enumerated all the defects. The defects that have come uppermost to my mind I have said. I do not say that the Travancore Government has not enunciated any welcome policies. I have no time to refer to them nor is it my purpose to do that, because I am here to point out the defects. With these words I move this motion for the consideration of the House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I rise to offer a few remarks on the General Administration. The first thing that strikes anyone who looks at the administration of the State, is the unnecessarily high expenditure incurred by the State, out of all proportion to its means, out of all proportion to utility and out of all proportion to the needs of the State, is the enormously high Salary and emoluments of the Head of the Administration. Sir, one can understand the additional expenditure of this kind, the extraordinary pay of this nature, if it is given to an expert in Engineering or an expert in Industries and spent for the benefit of the State. That may be necessary and unavoidable in the interests of the State itself. But I ask in all earnestness what is the justification for this enormously high pay to the Head of the Administration.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. I submit that the question of the Dewan's pay does not arise for two reasons. The first and foremost is that the appointment of the Dewan is made by the Ruler direct; and if the President has ruled that the appointment of the High Court Judges must not be questioned by this House, it must necessarily follow that the Dewan's appointment must all the more be not questioned by the House.

Secondly, it is a non-votable item. The pay of the Dewan is not subjected to the vote of the House. Even though a passing reference that the General Administration is being carried on under heavy cost may be allowed, a specific reference to a non-votable item, I submit, is not admissible.

MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I am not questioning the appointment of the Dewan as such. I am questioning only the effect that has come into operation by the pay that is given to the incumbent of the office. I am not questioning the propriety of it. In other words, I am even prepared to concede that there is justification for the

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Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.

appointment of persons on the same pay provided results justify it. But nobody can say that the present administration of the Dewan is worth the money we pay. Now we find that the results, of the administration do not justify the heavy expenditure. I am discussing only that question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No member has the right of questioning the appointment of any particular person as the Dewan because it is done by His Highness the Maharajah. There are rulings on the subject; particularly in the case of appointments of Judges of the High Court being appointments made by His Highness the Maharajah himself cannot be questioned on the floor of this House. To the same extent, and even to a greater extent, the appointment of a particular individual as Dewan cannot and should not be questioned by the House. The Law Member stated that in advancing arguments with regard to the improvement of the general policy of administration a passing reference may be made to matters of principle. I also entertain the same idea I did not object to Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai proceeding, because I did not find anything very objectionable in what he said. As a general argument, reference may be allowed. But I am quite sure Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai will avoid personal references of any kind.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Certainly I never intended to do it and I do not wish to do it. I want to keep myself away as far as possible from personal references. But as a matter of fact, we find as a solid fact that we are spending an unnecessary large amount on the Central Administration. I can justify that if the result of the administration is such that we are compelled to appoint a man whose pay has been exceeded for special reasons from the pay fixed by the Standardisation Officer. What is the special advantage that is derived by this enhanced pay, we are at a loss to understand. What I wished to point out was that the administration can be carried on with the pay fixed by Standardisation, much more efficiently, and to the greater advantage of the State, than it is now being done. That is all what I was at.

Then I wish to bring another point to the notice of this House and that about the State Aided Bank. A large amount of money of this State is invested in the Bank and it has been brought into existence with a specific object by the Government. But what its present state is a matter that has to be seriously considered. I do not assert that the people who are responsible for the administration of the Bank are above all blame or that there is nothing to be improved upon. There might be scope for improvement. But we have to scrutinise the action of the Government with regard to the improvement of the Bank. The State Aided Bank carries with it the name of the State; and so to a certain extent the credit of the State. If that institution suffers on account of the negligence or inactivity, or obstinacy of Government or on account of acts of commission or omission of the part of the Government then also the responsibility of the Government is very heavy. We find that Government of Travancore have been the target of attack

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of responsible criticism outside the State. Government at first in a communique made certain proposals and said that unless the Bank acts up to minimum demands, they will be forced to take a certain course of action. We can understand that. There was a general meeting of the Bank to consider these matters. Representations were given to Government. After that, certain people who have some shares in the Bank formed themselves into a clique, called together a meeting and then Government go back from their original demand and they are prepared to accept the demand made by the clique of some pensioned officers and some others. Government should have considered what should be the minimum proposals before they issued the communique. The minimum proposals for the reorganisation of the Bank should have been well considered by them. If they had considered that fully then, there would not have been the necessity to ally themselves with a party of the Bank and give an appearance that Government are siding with a party.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: They gave only the *appearance of siding* with a party?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I can only say appearance. How can I know the intentions of the Government? I am unable to know what Government actually intend.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether Government have instructed the share holders of the Bank that they must give their proxies in favour of Mr. Subbaier?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI(*Quilon I*): I know they have issued a communique to that effect. I draw only inferences from that. I cannot assert. Government must come to a decision with regard to this question without further delay.

Then a word about the Central Co-operative Bank. The responsibility of the Government with regard to this institution is even greater than that in respect of the State Aided Bank. Here the Government are primarily responsible under the statute for the audit and as such for the proper function of this institution they are more responsible. We find that Government officers who are holding responsible positions in the State service are or were in the management of the Bank and it is widely rumoured and it is a matter of inference that it is they who create all these troubles. The Government tolerate all these and will not come to a decision. So two important institutions in the State, owing to the difficulty of the Government to come to a decision and owing to their incapacity to take prompt action, are going to ruin. It is a matter that affects us very much.

Then with regard to another matter that my friend the mover of the motion has suggested, namely, the attitude taken by the Government with regard to the Agriculturists' Relief Bill. That is a matter that affects the prestige of this House and this House has to take serious notice of it. We do not say that Government have decided not to bring the bill because of a meeting and certain threats by som

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pensioned officers. But the inference which ordinary people drew is probable. That rumour is prevailing in the country. Two incidents have happened. The second Reading of the Bill has been finished by the House. Some interested parties have held a meeting in a private house and passed resolutions against the provisions of the Bill and requested Government not to bring it for the third reading. The Government have not brought the Bill. Now these facts are before us. The inference is irresistable. Government should take the responsibility and should have avoided this State of affairs.

The Bill has been carefully and minutely considered by the house. If Government interfere with it, using extraordinary powers, they must have sufficient justification for it, and they will be shouldering a very serious responsibility indeed. But if they deem it necessary, they must decide on it. But the present state of indecision is not conducive to the prestige of Government. We are interested in maintaing the prestige of this house, and that of Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I would like to speak a few words on this motion. In doing so, I do not wish to traverse the ground already covered by my learned predecessors. I will confine my observations to a few matters which, I think, should deserve special attention.

In my opinion, Government have no definite policy or well settled programme of action in confronting the problems that await solution. One fundamental problem that confronts this Government is the problem of wide-spread economic depression and unemployment. The budget presented to us this year has been thoroughly disappointing from that view of the matter. I had occasion to deal with that to some extent during the course of the general discussion. In tackling this problem the question which I ask is whether, after all, the Government have given this question any serious consideration. What have they done to mitigate the conditions of the poor agriculturists of the country? They have not done anything so far in regard to the question of raising the tariff value of cocoanut produce for the levy of import duty. I must say, the efforts so far made by the Government of Travancore are not at all substantial. In answer to a question which I asked the other day, the Government member said that they had addressed the Government of India through the Agent to the Governor-General, and as a result—

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): That question was not answered because the member was absent.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): That is immaterial; printed answers were furnished.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): That question was not put.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does it find a place in the published report?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Yes, Sir.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): The question was not asked on the floor of the House. It does not find a place in the report.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): In answer to that question, it was stated that they had moved the Government of India through the Agent to the Governor-General and as a result they have been able to get the tariff values enhanced a bit. But the question is whether it has improved the price of cocoanut products to any appreciable extent. On account of the large imports of cocoanut products from Ceylon to the Indian markets, the price of cocoanut has gone considerably low. Unless the Government face this problem with a certain amount of zeal and unless they do something to alleviate the condition, the plight of the agriculturists will be still worsened.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If the member has a proposal, he can make it.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I think if something is not done to alleviate the conditions, the situation would be very very serious.

My esteemed friend Mr. Changanachery Parameswaran Pillai has suggested that this is a matter which concerns not only Travancore but the Governments of Madras and Cochin; and he has also suggested that, if all these three Governments put their heads together, they can make a substantial move in the matter. I say that that is a very valuable suggestion which should engage the special attention of Government at this juncture.

Next I pass on to another important question.

The prosperity of a country consists in various matters. Sir, the internal peace, the inter-communal harmony and communal good-will are essential for the due progress of a country. Of late, there has been very bad communal tension and communal bickerings and hatreds. I do not wish to dilate upon this question. However, that is a fact which cannot be denied. Government have not seriously faced that problem yet. That is also a matter which should engage the special attention of Government. Government should face this problem with a certain amount of boldness and they should find out an adequate solution for this trouble and establish internal peace. Sir, this communal rancour and hatred, when analysed will find its root in the problems of untouchability and unapproachability.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: When the honourable member speak of internal peace, he means communal amity. I think that is all he means.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Yes, Sir. Government should approach this question with a certain amount of boldness. That is what I say. This problem is connected with the big problem of untouchability and unapproachability. I submit that this is the proper occasion to tackle this problem in all its aspects and find out an adequate remedy. In regard to this, I must say that the recent notification published by the Acting Commissioner of Police under the designation "Commissioner of Police" without the specification 'Acting' reveals a colossal lack of perspective on the part of Government. What is it that the Government are concerned with now? What is the problem that confronts them?

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): A point of order. Does that question arise under this demand?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The action of the Police Commissioner is not relevant under this Demand.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I am referring to the Police Commissioner as an officer of Government. The action of the Police Commissioner has caused considerable doubts with regard to the attitude of Government and how Government are viewing the situation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it would be the duty of the Police Commissioner to prevent riots?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I say, when a particular officer of Government acts in an irresponsible way, it is the duty of Government to control him and take proper action on such officer for creating troubles in the country. That is my point.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): We have no responsible Government in this State but some of us thought that at least the Government of this State; will be responsive to public opinion. We thought, Sir, that to a certain extent we will be able to influence the policy of the Government. As the honourable member Mr. Asan has clearly put it, this House has recorded its definite view more than once that Government must have a constructive policy regarding the tackling of the problem of unemployment, that an economy cut in the salaries of the State officials is a necessity and that a consistent and constructive policy should be pursued regarding rural reconstruction, sanitation and water supply in the State. Sir, the Education Reforms Committee's report rightly stressed and emphasised the fact that medical inspection of students is a pressing problem which must be taken up at once. Some years passed and now we find Government approaching the problem in a half-hearted fashion. Sir, the children of the State are the greatest asset of the State and effective medical inspection should be given to the students in the most formative period of their career.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Is the member aware that a sum of Rs. 13,000 has been provided for in the budget for the medical inspection of school children?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Sir, I am aware; and on that very point I want to enter my emphatic protest that this sum is inadequate to meet the requirements.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Is that point relevant? When a specific provision has been made under the Education Demand, this point could have been raised there.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The statement of the honourable member was that nothing was done in that direction. Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan asked a suggestive question as to whether a particular sum was

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allocated for that purpose. In the light of that suggestion I think Mr. Padmanabha Menon does not propose to advance any further that argument.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): I was referring to this point because ultimately who is responsible for the policy of running the department. It is the Government and as such a more substantial allotment could have been made by the Government to strengthen the hands of the Education Director.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The argument is that as the ultimate deciding authority Government should allot more funds.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): It was the Government that moved the Demand under Education. So the point could have been raised there.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Quite so.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Sir, we have urged on the floor of the House that we have got a top-heavy administration and that officials are paid very big salaries which the poor taxpayer is not in a position to bear. But Government are not prepared to take the slightest notice of such insistent and repeated demands of the representatives of the people.

Sir, we have protested and rightly protested that this importation of officials must cease. We demand that this policy shall not be pursued. Sir, it is not merely a question of careers for the citizens of the State. It is more than that. It is bound up with the self-respect and prestige of the citizens of the State. Sir, we want full freedom for the citizen in this State to rise to his full stature; we shall not be denied all the possible avenues for the rise.

As Mr. Asan put it, the Government have been playing with that great and momentous problem of affording adequate relief to the distressed agriculturists. Well, Sir, when, in the sister States and Provinces in British India, this problem has been tackled in all earnestness and speedy devices have been found, we are only playing with the big problem and giving room for further agitation and unrest in the State. A very competent committee went into the whole question and prepared a report. That report was discussed on the floor of this House and the Government took some time to frame their own bill. When a non-official member brought forward a bill on this particular subject, the Law Member assured this House saying that it is a big problem and Government are considering the question in its different aspects and the Government will themselves bring forward a bill. Such a bill was brought forward, its provisions were thrashed out by a very competent Select Committee and the bill has passed its second reading and still as Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai puts it Government seem, to have yielded to the clamours of a clique.

Sir, this House has been urging year after year that rural parts of the State stand in need of medical relief and that if allopathic medicines are costly, more Ayurveda hospitals may be started to bring medical relief within the reach of the poor, that a more generous scheme of grant-in-aid *Vaidyasalas* may be taken up. Still Government have not taken up that problem seriously. That shows a lack of policy, a lack

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of vision on the part of the authorities who run the Government machinery. After all, God alone knows whether our Government possess a heart; and if they have one whether there is any room in it for the true welfare of the people of this State.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, I support the motion. It has almost become a chorus in this House that the Government have no continuous or fixed policy with regard to their various actions. I wish to bring to the notice of this House one or two illustrations wherein Government are found fault with for this lack of a fixed policy. Sir, I first point out the irregularity caused in the matter of *jenmikaram* settlement. When the *jenmikaram* settlement began, an *Agrasala para* mentioned in certain *kanam* documents was interpreted in two ways. Some of the settlement officers took the cubical capacity as 640 cubic inches, while others took *Agrasala* equal to the standard *Para* which is 800 cubic inches capacity.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: How does the irregularity in the working of a particular Regulation come under General Administration?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): It comes under revenue.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, it does; but how is Government concerned with this?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Sir, Government have issued orders on this and Government are concerned with this.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Are not the Government in the Land Revenue Department concerned with this?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Has the Government as Government passed an order on this subject? Let us see the nature of that order before this is declared admissible or not.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Now the cubic contents of the *Agrasala para* is only 640 cubic inches. And the cubic contents of the standard *para* is 800 cubic inches.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT Where is the Government order? I am saying this because Mr. Kuriakose stated that the whole difficulty arose from an irregularity in working the Government order. So I ask whether the Government is responsible and if there is any Government order, I wish to see it. Mr. Kuriakose has stated that there is an order.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I am not in a position to point out the number and date of the order. If there is not such an order, let the Government member challenge my statement.

The first order was to the effect that the cubic contents of the *Agrasala para* should be taken as 640 cubic inches. When they found out the mistake, that the Jenmikaram Settlement Officers, were deciding cases taking the *Agrasala para* as the standard *para* they gave the order. Subsequently on the agitation of the *jenmies*, Government sent another order asking for proof as to whether the *Agrasala para* and standard *para* are different or equal. They wanted specific instances or some proof on the matter from the side of the *Jenmies* and *Kudiyans* who contested the cubic contents of the *para*. That is a thing which illustrates that the Government are acting inconsistently.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): How does the statement affect the position? Is not the settlement made on the contract?

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): In the contract it is only mentioned as *Agrasala para.*

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A point of order. During the budget session, Government comes before the House day after day with demands in the name of particular departments. So whether it is today, yesterday or day before yesterday, it is the Government that is moving the demand before the House. Government were moving demands for Education on one day, for Land Revenue in one day and when Land Revenue was moved, all these points raised by Mr. Kuriakose could have been moved and threshed out on the day when the Government were moving the Land Revenue Demand.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Revenue Secretariat is included under this motion. As I pointed out, this is not a matter which may be discussed at length at this stage. Not only has the member had opportunities before, but, the responsibility of Government in this matter is not so great since Mr. Kuriakose himself says that it is only an irregularity in interpreting the rules. Therefore, the point of order raised by Mr. Chandrasekharan has to be ruled in his favour.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): The irregularity is due to the inconsistent orders of Government in this matter. I appeal to the Government to consider the question seriously and to revise the cases already settled, *on their own initiative,* without asking the *Kudiyans* concerned to come forward in respect of the various cases.

In regard to the filling up of vacancies, arising in the Secretariat, by initial appointments or by promotions, I would request the appointing authority to give due consideration to claims of seniority. The promotion of junior men over the heads of seniors has become common now-a-days. That, of course, is very hard and gives room for great heart-burning in the minds of the disappointed officers who have been eagerly looking forward for promotion. If, in any instance, a particular officer has to be employed for a work for which he is specially qualified or fit, the proper course of action for Government would be to give special remuneration to the officer for such work, and not to promote him over the heads of his seniors. This is a matter for serious consideration by Government.

With these words, I support the motion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, it is high time that we discourage or rather completely discontinue the importation of foreigners to our service. It is high time that we also reduce the salaries of our officers, especially the highly paid officers in the State. (Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai: *Hear, hear.*) It is high time that the salaries of all Heads of Departments are reduced to Rs. 500. (*Laughter.*) It is high time that, once in 4 or 5 years, the Heads of Departments are transferred from one Department to another, so that all of them may acquire knowledge and experience of all the Departments in the State and the

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[Mr. S. J. Nair.]

best among them may eventually be promoted as the Head of the Administration (*Continued laughter.*)

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does the member include the Public Works Department also?

MR. S J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Why not, Sir?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Is that system in vogue anywhere in the world?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes; I will come to that.

In reply to the question put to me by my honourable friend Mr. Parameswara Aiyar, I may just remind him of the fact that, some years ago, in Mysore, the Chief Engineer, Sir M. Visweswarayya, was promoted as the First Minister of the State; and his regime was considered to be the most successful in the Mysore State. In fact, Sir, he is considered to be one of the greatest statesmen of the world.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Had he any experience of any Department other than the P. W. D. there?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, my friend Mr. Parameswara Aiyar was asking me whether I would include the P. W. Department also when I said that all the Heads of Departments should gather all-round knowledge and ultimately become fit to be promoted as the Head. Now, in Mysore, the Head of the P. W. Department was, some years back, appointed as Dewan of that State. There is no reason why anybody should get frightened at the suggestion that a Chief Engineer could be transferred as Revenue Commissioner or a Revenue Commissioner as Darbar Physician (*Continued laughter.*) Sir, in our own State, we have had an instance of a Medical Officer who was appointed as Dewan Peishkar.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is Mr. S. J. Nair, making the discussion very light?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No, Sir; I am very very serious when I am making these suggestions (*Laughter.*) Sir, my idea is that we must have the opportunity to choose the best son of the soil and make him the Head of the Administration (Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai: *hear, hear.*) It is with that object that I am suggesting this scheme.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Are there not, even among our present officers, brilliant sons of the soil who deserve to occupy the place of Head of the Administration?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): There are; but, unfortunately, their brilliance is not being recognised.

I do not for a moment deny, Sir, once in a way, under certain peculiar circumstances, it would become necessary to get down some great man for some special reasons. We must not grudge paying a high salary in such circumstances I am condemning only the general policy of importing foreigners into our service.

I am sorry to have to observe that the Government seldom pay any heed to the opinions expressed by this House. There are very many resolutions and motions which this House has carried, but to

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no purpose. Sir, it was as a result of the unanimous opinion expressed by this House that the condition of the agriculturists in the country must be improved, that the Government introduced the Agriculturists' Debt Relief Bill in this House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The very same argument has been advanced in almost the very same manner by a number of members.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is our anxiety, Sir, the anxiety of the people of the country, over this question that is responsible for so much emphasis being laid on this matter. We want to impress the Government that it is a very urgent and a very important matter, Sir, (*Laughter.*) We will never repeat an argument unnecessarily, Sir. We want to lay much emphasis on this important matter; that is why all my honourable friends, not only myself, have been adverting to this question. We do not want to waste the time of the House by unnecessary repetition, Sir.

Sir, fortunately for the poor people of the State, Government agreed with us as to the necessity for the measure and seemed to be anxious to pass it into law; but, unfortunately for the poor people in the country, they have played into the hands of a few irresponsible, know-nothing do-nothing pensioned officers (*Laughter*) who met in a private house in this town and protested against the bill. Government got frightened, as it were, at these retired officers, like a wild buffaloe at the sight of a red cloth (*Continued laughter*)

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): May I request the member to explain what he means by "Red Cross' because that relates to my Department?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Not "Red Cross", Sir, but "red cloth". Sir, in Malayalam too there is a saying ചുവപ്പു കണ്ടു വിരണ്ട കാളയെപോലെ. (*Continued laughter*).

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am really surprised that, at this stage, when we have very much more work remaining to be done, and we have only very little time at our disposal, there should be this kind of light talk. Mr. S. J. Nair is one who generally speaks in English, and Mr. Chandrasekharan is one who, at any rate, does not speak in Malayalam. Therefore, Mr S. J. Nair's explanation of this idiom could have been avoided.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the Head of the Education Department, when the Demand for that Department was before the House, protested, when an Honourable Member of the House said that he did not know Malayalam and told us that he is a scholar in Malayalam. So, I expressed the meaning of my expression in Malyalam for the information of the Honourable Member.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I support the motion. Sir, the attitude of the Government towards local newspapers is not what it should be. As an illustration, I may refer to their attitude towards the *Malayali*. The editor's privileges have been withdrawn; they are not allowed to enter the Press Room, nor even this Assembly Hall which is open to the public.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): How many years' standing has that paper got?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I do not propose to answer that question.

Sir, local newspapers must be encouraged. Instead of doing that, the Government are encouraging foreign newspapers. Last year, Mr. Thanu Pillai put a question to the Chief Secretary about the yearly contribution the Travancore Government made to the Associated Press. The Chief Secretary was asked whether the Government were not paying the Associated Press, every year, a sum of Rs. 24,000 in order to advertise the various good things done by the Travancore Government and to whitewash their evil acts. (*Laughter*).

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I should think that is very strong language.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): On the other hand, the Government do not have any consideration for local newspapers who are of immense use to the people of the country.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What has the Associated Press to do with white-washing?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I do not propose to answer any question, Sir. (*Laughter*).

I request the Government to reconsider their decision with regard to the *Malayali* which has a standing of about 50 years.

In regard to the Debt Redemption Bill, I wish to say a word. It seemed that the Government were earnest about passing it into a Regulation. The second reading of the Bill by this House is over and since then nothing is heard of it. It is a very important piece of legislation from the point of view of the people; it seems the Government realised that fact to some extent. But somehow, in spite of the definite assurance by the Government, the Bill has not since been taken up for its subsequent stages. (*President's Bell*).

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In supporting the motion I should try to emphasise the difference in the treatment accorded by the Government to the Travancoreans among the officers and to the outsiders among them. When we have all along been opposing the importation of foreigners into our public service, the Government's choice of such foreigners is becoming worse and worse. But there is one thing that we have gained as a result of this importation; we have found out that, after all, there is no justification for our glamour for outsiders, that, after all, the officers that we import are not even as efficient as our mediocrities here.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is a kind of language which is not plain enough, Mr. Elenkath.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I am talking in a foreign language, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I do not object to your English; only the House will not in any way be better for the kind of general statement you are making, unless you cite specific instances.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : One advantage we have had is to realise that our own men, though of mediocre ability, are in almost every respect much superior to the foreigners who are imported into our service. Again, what is the cost that the Government has to incur on account of this? In addition to the ordinary salaries allotted to the heads of departments and others, we have to give them a very high sum.

Even with regard to the age, we find that many of them are retired officers.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Elenkath, can develop that argument, provided he places before the House one or two instances of appointments made in the service of Government and which could be discussed on the floor of this House. Otherwise, he would not be in order.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, there are the instances of the appointment of the Financial Secretary and the Chief Justice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that you cannot discuss.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I want to make pointed reference to the fact that the Government had been, even after spending a lot of money to make the administration more efficient, not giving opportunities to the brilliant sons of the soil.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I think there is some misunderstanding. I only said that such appointments as may not be discussed on the floor of the House should not be discussed.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I am not generally in favour of giving extensions of service. But I ask why, when outsiders who are retired officers are appointed here, the Travancoreans who possess much greater ability and who are very healthy and who are already in service should not be given extensions. Now, Sir, the Government spend money with the object of making the different branches of the administration more efficient. Some time ago, one of the Professors of the College, Mr. Gopala Menon, was sent to England to specialise in certain subjects and it was expected that on his return he will be placed in charge of the department which will go to advance the industries in the State. That is one instance. There is also the instance of the recent appointment of Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai as the head of the Registration Department. He was getting Rs. 1,000 in Hyderabad and was even offered Rs. 1,500. But such a brilliant son of the soil, who was doing work in the Industries Department, has been for no reason appointed as the head of a department in which he has no working knowledge at all. This is a policy which the Government should refrain from pursuing. Sir, the sons of the soil are out of mere patriotism willing to serve the State for a comparatively low salary. But they are even denied the chance of serving the State.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Is it the opinion of the member that patriotism is a crime?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : It is gradually being regarded as a crime.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Sir, I also rise to support the motion. In doing so, I wish to make a few observations. Liberty of speech is the birthright of all, irrespective of caste, creed or colour; and it is the duty of a responsible Government not to put any kind of restriction on the liberty of the people in making speeches. But things have so happened that very often this liberty is put under restraint and this fact I can prove by an example. Recently the Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar, has issued a notification in the Government Gazette. In the first place, the language itself is very defective. In the second place, it is quite unjust, unwarranted and uncalled for. If an outsider goes through that notification, he will laugh at us, who are far advanced in education and hence regarded as very enlightened people. I do not know who is responsible for that notification. It should be either the Government or the Commissioner of Police. Since it is published over the signature of the Commissioner of Police who is a servant of Government and who represents Government in this Assembly, one is forced to believe that the Government is responsible for it. Sir, it is the duty of Government to ease inter-communal feelings when there is high communal tension. But now-a-days owing to the irresponsible action of the Police Department, this is observed more in its breach than in its observance. For the riots that take place very often in the nooks and corners of this State I can say that some of these responsible police officers are to be held responsible. If they had taken necessary action to nip these riots in the bud, no serious action would have been required on the part of Government to put them down.

Sir, I also want to bring another fact to the notice of the Government and that is with regard to the prohibitory order that has been issued and the orders that are likely to be issued by the District Magistrate of Quilon in connection with the conversion question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is it a judicial order or an executive order?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): I do not know.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then I cannot allow the member to develop it.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): I think it is an executive order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am sorry I cannot allow him to proceed because, when I put the question to him, he said that he does not know.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Sir I too wish to speak in support of the motion. In doing so, I wish to draw the attention of the House to certain action or inaction on the part of the Government. That is to say to day is the 22nd of Karkatakam 1111 and the budget before this House is the last budget in this House. In the normal circumstances, the next budget has to be passed in another House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: All that is beside the point.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : It is relevant, Sir. The inaction of Government is a disadvantage in the way of our deciding our future action.

Secondly, a word about the Agriculturists' Relief Bill. After the second reading was over I think that the Chief Secretary, though he did not give us the notice proper, gave us to understand that we should come prepared for the third reading. Of course, we came prepared for the third reading; but there was no third reading.

Another problem is the problem created by the two orders of two Heads of Departments, one the Director of Public Instruction and the other the Ag. Commissioner of Police. The Ag. Director of Public Instruction wants to amend the Education Code so that prayers may be prohibited in certain places.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That also is under the same ban. The member ought to have mentioned it when the Demand for the department was before the House.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : I shall explain the relevancy, Sir. These two notifications come through acting hands It was out-heroding Herod. This was because those two officers were not permanent officers and were only acting. In no other department do we find such orders passed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know who is the Herod here?

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Sir, the expression is very often used in English language and the honourable member should certainly understand the sense in which it is used.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The honourable member should have raised the point on the day of the Education Demand.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Kuriyan, I have already pointed out that, if there is anything wrong done by the Director of Public Instruction, that should have been mentioned under that Demand.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : I feel that all these orders have been issued as a result of the policy of Government either in not making the acting officers permanent or in not appointing permanent officers.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I now call upon the official member to speak because there is very little time left. We have got only about 20 minutes more.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, honourable members have touched upon several points in the administration of the country; and it is hardly possible for me nor do I think it necessary at present to answer all the criticisms that have been levelled against the Government.

The mover of the motion, I think, began his speech with an observation that Government do not respect the decisions and

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wishes of this House and the other House. He quoted, as illustrations, the motions passed by this House recommending the remission of 50 per cent. of land tax, reduction of school fees, reduction in the pay of officers, provision of larger allotments for the nation-building departments and so on and so forth. Well, Sir, it may be that the Government have not been able to carry out *fully all* the resolutions and motions passed by this House. There are practical difficulties in carrying them all out in toto. The honourable members will certainly admit that the Government have done as much as they could under the conditions prevailing.

In regard to the remission of land tax, the Land Revenue Commissioner, when he replied to the criticisms on his Demand, stated what remissions were sanctioned by the Government during the last three or four years. The Assembly passed a motion for the remission of 50 per cent. of land tax; but the Government, after considering the question carefully, came to the conclusion that it would not be possible to carry on the administration if they accepted the cut as it was, that is, remission of 50 per cent. of the land tax which would amount to a loss of revenue to the extent of about Rs. 19 lakhs.

At the same time, realising the distress which the agriculturists were suffering from, and in view of the partial failure of crops on account of drought and various other circumstances, Government thought that it would be only fair to do something by way of remission. Government remitted this year $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the tax on dry lands and $18\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the tax on wet lands in certain taluks.

Regarding the reduction of school fees also, the honourable members will remember that the Government did respect the wishes of the House. Though they did not carry out the motion in its entirety, they did reduce the school fees, incurring thereby a loss of about a lakh of rupees.

So that these instances which my friend Mr. Asan quoted should only show how the Government were prepared to respect the wishes of this House by carrying out as far as possible its decisions. As I said at the very beginning, it is not possible for Government—and it may not be possible in the future also—to accept all the Resolutions and motions carried by this House in their entirety. Sir, while this House passes Resolutions recommending the remission of taxes, school fees, and so on, it also passes Resolutions and carries motions asking Government to increase the expenditure on nation-building departments. These two things are not quite compatible.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is one danger in saying that. When any member of the House says that the two decisions are inconsistent, it may not be proper because ultimately it may be a reflection on the House. I am just giving a warning.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : On the one hand the honourable members demand a remission of taxes and on the other they demand an increase on various items of expenditure. I said these are incompatible.

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Some honourable members have suggested a cut in the pay of the officers. However mercilessly we may apply the axe, I ask whether it will be possible to obtain as much saving by way of a cut in salaries to meet the deficit that will be caused by the remission of taxes as proposed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I ask whether Government have done anything in the direction of the cut proposed by the House?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have adopted the Standardisation Scheme. That is one of the unkindest cuts?.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I ask whether the standardisation scheme could benefit the present generation or posterity?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will benefit the present generation as well as posterity. Under the standardisation scheme, no increment would be granted to officers except as allowed in that scheme. There is the possibility of making a saving both immediately as well as in the future. Anyhow, the standardisation scheme has been sanctioned and it has come into effect. Mr .Kunjukrishna Pillai said, in the course of the general discussion of the budget, that there should be a cut in the salaries rather than the standardisation. Now that the standardisation has been effected, I think the cut can wait. It is very unfair to have both the standardisation and the cut in salaries.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether it has in any way affected the officers?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, those who are to get increments have been affected.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there any discontent?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not examined that question.

The question of the third reading of the Agriculturists' Relief Bill was specifically referred to by the honourable members. I think honourable members will admit that Government are anxious to do as much as possible in this direction. They have all along been anxious to afford relief to the agriculturists. They issued two Proclamations for this purpose. They appointed a Committee, and based on the report of the Committee, a Bill was drafted and introduced in this House and it has passed the second reading stage. The question that is now asked is why it was not taken up for the third reading before the discussion on the budget was started. It is true, Sir, that I made a statement that Government would do all that was possible to take up the third reading after the presentation of the budget and before the general discussion. As I said at that time, the House carried certain amendments which had to be considered by the Government. I assure the House that the Government have not been frightened or terrified by the threat of the pensioned officers.

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RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Was any threat offered?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government were not "threatened" as has been stated by the honourable members.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Was there an attempt to threaten the Government?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary used the word "threatened" within quotation marks. That is all.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether there was an attempt at threat. Anyhow, it had no influence on the Government. What Government have to do is to consider the amendments passed by the House, come to a decision thereon and then take up the third reading of the Bill. Government want some time for all this. If the third reading had been taken up before the budget discussion began, it would not have been possible to take the Bill through the other House also before the end of this Session. Considering all these points, Government thought they might take up the third reading some time after the budget session. I may assure the House that Government do not intend to shelve the question. They will try to have the third reading as early as possible.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether this wonderful piece of literature under the signature of the Ag. Commisioner of Police, Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar, published on 13-12-1111 under the guise of the permanent Police Commissioner, was published under the authority of Government?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was published in the Police Sheet of the Gazette by the Police Commissioner.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Who is responsible for the mischievous consequences of this Notification?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether he is an Ag Commissioner of Police or the permanent Commissioner of Police?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That also does not arise.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I understand that he is still the Ag Commissioner of Police. But in the notification it is stated "Commissioner of Police". Is it not misleading?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That has nothing to do with the motion before the House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, the reply of the Government member has only made my position clear, namely, that this Assembly has a legitimate ground for grievance. He has told us that it is not possible to carry out the decisions of this House. He has also stated that in future the decisions of this House cannot be

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carried out in their entirety. Hence it is the duty of the House to enter its emphatic protest against this. If they cannot carry out our decisions let the Government dissolve this House.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The member is out of order in saying that Government should dissolve the House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Another allegation made against this House is that, while it asks for remission of taxes and asks for a reduction of Government revenues, it demands that more funds should be spent on nation-building departments. Sir, if this House is given the option to settle the budget of the Government, we will show how to adjust the receipts and expenditure. (*Hear, hear*). The Retrenchment Committee has suggested retrenchments in the expenditure of Government. That Committee was presided over by the Dewan and consisted of officials and non-officials. The work of the Committee has been set at nought and the Government asked one of their Secretaries, who has no acquaintance with the country and who has no knowledge of the working of the various departments, to sit in revision over the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee. The result is that a scheme has been brought into effect which has created discontent among the officials as well as the non-officials. It is not going to benefit either the present generation or the future generation. With these words, I press the motion.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I demand a poll.

A poll was accordingly taken with the following result :—

AYES—27.

1	Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan	15	Mr. K. Mahomed
2	,, A. Easwara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)	16	,, K. A. Narayana Pillai
3	,, A. Easwara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)	17	,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
4	,, K. R. Elenkath	18	,, S. Nilakanta Pillai
5	,, S. J. Nair.	19	,, K. Padmanabhan
6	,, K. C. Karunakaran	20	,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
7	,, N. Kesava Panickar	21	,, Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
8	,, K. M. Krishnan	22	,, R. Raman Pillai
9	,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	23	,, R. Sivaraman Nair
10	,, T. Krishna Pillai	24	,, A. Thanu Pillai
11	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai	25	,, P. K. Thomas
12	,, K. M. Kuriakose	26	,, V. K. Velappan Nair
13	,, P. C. Kuriyan	27	,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai
14	,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai		

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NOES—21.

1 Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib	12 Mr. E. K. Kunjuraman
2 ,, T. K. Alexander	13 ,, C. O Madhavan
3 ,, C. V. Chandrasekharan	14 ,, G. Nilakantan
4 ,, R. Dhanukoti Pillai	15 ,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
5 ,, Antony George	16 Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar
6 ,, K. George	17 Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
7 ,, M. Mahomed Haneef	
8 ,, N. John Joseph	18 ,, R. Pitchu Aiyangar
9 ,, T. C.Joseph	19 Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar
10 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri	
11 Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai	20 Mr. T. C. Thommen
	21 ,, John Whitely Tolson

NEUTRALS—8.

1 Mr. V. T. Chacko	5 Mr. Changanacherry K. Paramesvaran Pillai
2 ,, K. P. Krishna Menon	
3 ,, T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri	6 ,, R Sambasiva Aiyar
4 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar	7 ,, S. Thiraviam Nadar
	8 ,, N. E. Varughese

The motion was declared carried.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The time allotted for this Demand is over. So, the remaining motions lapse.

Demand No. XIII—General Administration—excluding Financial Secretariat, Account Office and Legislative Bodies—for Rs. 2,76,867 *minus* Re. 1 was put and carried and the grant was made.

The following motions lapsed on account of time-limit.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR :

529. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,45,831 for General and Revenue Secretariat by Re. 1.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI ;

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MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

546. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,546 for Manager Clerks, etc., by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

547. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for travelling allowances.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

548. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,036 for Public Service Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

549. To omit the allotment of Rs. 38,570 for Public Service Commissoner.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

550. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 38,570 for Public Service Commissioner by Re. 1.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI :

551. To omit the total allotment of Rs. 2,76,867 under Demand XIII.

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553. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,76,867 under Demand XIII by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

554. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,148 for Financial Secretary by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

555. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,148 for Financial Secretariat by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

556. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,148 for Financial Secretary by Re. 1.

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557. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,148 for Financial Secretariat by Re. 1.
MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
558. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 27,982 for Financial Secretariat by Re. 1.
MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR:
559. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,17,294 for Establishment by Re. 1.
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561. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,70,546 for Account Office by Re. 1.
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562. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,70,546 for Account Office by Rs. 5.
MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN:
563. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,70,694 under Demand XIV by Re. 1.
MR. N. E. VARUGHESE:
564. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 40,000 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.
MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR:
565. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,800 for purchase of books and periodicals by Re. 1.
MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
566. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,800 for purchase of books and periodicals by Re. 1.
MR. S. J. NAIR:
567. To omit the allotment of Rs. 9,000 for General Election charges.
MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI:
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MR. S. J. NAIR:
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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
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MR. S. J. NAIR:
573. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,000 for remuneration to Election Commissioners and Bye-election charges by Re. 1.
MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI:
574. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 70,500 for Legislative Bodies by Rs. 67,500.
MR. S. J. NAIR:
575. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,577 for Superintendents by Re. 1.
MR. S. J. NAIR:
576. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 91,262 under Demand XVI by Re. 1.
MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON:
577. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for Director by Re. 1.
MR. S. J. NAIR:
578. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.
MR. S. J. NAIR:
579. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 41,848 for Direction by Re. 1.
MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*):
580. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,933 for Agricultural Inspectors 1st Grade by Re. 1.

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MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON :

581. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,000 for purchase of live stock by Rs. 3,000.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN :—

582. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 56,022 for Experimental Farms and Manure Depots by

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON :

583. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 8,172 for Marketing Officers by

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

584. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 24,055 for Dairy Farm by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

585. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,863 for Technical Establishment by Rs. 275.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON :

586. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

587. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,026 for Direction by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

588. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for grants to industrial institutions by Re. 1.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI ;

589. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for grants to industrial institutions by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

590. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 76,773 for Industrial Education by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

591. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,182 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN :

592. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 11,182 for Industrial Development by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAM ASAN :

593. To omit the allotment of Rs. 21,131 for trade agent sales depot, Bombay.

MR. M. K JANARDHANA KAMATH :

594. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 50,000 for Rubber Factory by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

595 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,250 for Registrar by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR :

596. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 42,224 for Establishment by Rs. 440.

MR R SIVARAMAN NAIR :

597. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,607 for Protector of Depressed Classes.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

598. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 96,033 under Demand XX by Re. 1.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN :

599. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 21,986 for Darbar Physician by Re. 1.

MR. K. MAHOMED :

600. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR :

601. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,532 for Superintendence by Re. 1.

MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY :

602. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 35,129 for Superintendence by Re. 1.

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603. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 31,121 for Midwives by Re. 1.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:
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MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON:
610. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. K. MAHOMED:
611. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 600 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN:
612. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,547 for Ayurveda Department by Re 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:
614. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,547 for Ayurveda Department by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR:
615. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,200 for local allowance to Director of Public Health by Re. 1.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR:
616. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,372 for Educational Officer by Re. 1.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR:
617. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,35,036 for Public Health and Sanitation by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
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MR. S. J. NAIR:
619. To reduce tde allotment of Rs. 41,030 for prevention of epidemics by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
620. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 243 under Demand XXV by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
621. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,69,141 under Demand XXVI by Re. 1.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN:
622. To reduce the allotment of Rs 2,69,141 under Demand XXVI by Re. 1.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI:
623. To omit the allotment of Rs. 590 for expenditure in connection with the All-India Oriental Conference to be held at Trivandrum in December 1937.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB:
624. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,100 for Assistant Manager (Temporary)-

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put Demand XIV—Financial Secretariat and Account Office—for Rs. 1,90,694 to the vote of the House.

The Demand was carried and the grant was made.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XV—Legislative Bodies—for Rs. 67,500 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XVI—Jails—for Rs. 91,262 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XVII—Ports—for Rs. 16,819 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XVIII—Agriculture and Fisheries—for Rs. 2,30,953 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XIX—Industries including Investments on Reproductive Works (Rubber Factory and Clay Refining) and Porcelain Factory—for Rs. 6,77,082 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XX—Co-operative Department—for Rs. 96,033 be passed

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXI—Medical—for Rs. 8,94,563 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXII—Ayurveda—for Rs. 69,523 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXIII—Public Health and Sanitation—for Rs. 2,76,036 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXIV—State Charities—for Rs. 11,503 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXV—Currency and Mint—for Rs. 243 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXVI—Stationery and Printing—for Rs. 2,69,141 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXVII—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments—for Rs. 94,690 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXVIII—Miscellaneous Charges—for Rs. 85,289 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXIX—Anchal Department—for Rs. 3,84,415 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXX—State Land Mortgage Bank for Rs. 74,300 be passed.

The grant was made.

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXI—Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue—Railway—for Rs. 89,900 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXII—Loans-Agricultural Loans—for Rs. 2,50,000 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXIII Loans—Industrial Loans—for Rs. 50,000 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXIV—Loans—Other Loans and Advances—for Rs. 50,000 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXV—Loans—to the Port Conservancy Board, Cochin, for Harbour Works etc.—for Rs. 18,36,000 be passed.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I put it that Demand XXXVI—Debt Heads—Advances—for Rs. 75,700 be passed.

The grant was made.

The House adjourned at 5-5 P. M.

K. MADHAVA KURUP,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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